

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) Anode-supported fuel cell, comprising:

an anode support,

an anode layer on a first side of the anode support,

an electrolyte layer,

a cathode layer, and

a stress compensation layer provided on a second side of the anode support opposite the anode layer,

said stress compensation layer being comprised of i) a first porous layer extending without essential interruptions and having a porosity of at most 40% and ii) a second porous layer with an unsintered thickness of at most 100  $\mu\text{m}$  that is electron-conducting in the operational state applied to said first porous layer on the side away from the anode support.

12. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 11, wherein the second porous layer has a thickness of 10 - 20  $\mu\text{m}$  in the operational state.

13. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 11, wherein said second porous layer comprises an unsintered nickel/nickel oxide layer.

14. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 11, wherein the first porous layer is provided with a regular pattern of holes having an internal opening of at most 1 mm.

15. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 14, wherein said holes are hexagonal.

16-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) Anode-supported fuel cell, comprising:

an anode support;

an anode layer in contact with a first side of said anode support;

an electrolyte layer in contact with said anode layer;

a cathode layer in contact with said electrolyte layer; and

a stress compensation layer in contact with a second side of said anode support on a side opposite the anode layer, wherein,

said stress compensation layer is comprised of a first porous layer extending without essential interruptions and in

contact with the second side of said anode support, the first porous layer having a porosity of at most 40%, and a second porous layer with a sintered thickness of 10 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~and a porosity of at most 40%~~, the second porous layer being electron-conducting in the operational state.

22. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 21, wherein said second porous layer comprises an nickel layer.

23. (currently amended) Fuel cell according to claim 21, wherein ~~the~~ the first porous layer is provided with a regular pattern of holes having an internal opening of at most 1 mm.

24. (previously presented) Fuel cell according to claim 23, wherein said holes are hexagonal.